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1. TURDUS (PLANESTICUS) MIGRATORIUS, *Linn.*

The Robin.

Abundant from April to November. Occasionally met in Winter.

2. TURDUS (HYLOCICHLA) MUSTELINUS, *Gm.*

The Wood Thrush.

Arrives the last week in April, or the first week in May. Departs about the first of October. Common, and breeds.

3. TURDUS (HYLOCICHLA) PALLASI, *Cab.*

Hermit Thrush.

Abundant as a Spring and Autumn migrant; arriving from the South early in April, and returning from the North about the middle of October.

4. TURDUS (HYLOCICHLA) SWAINSONI, *Cab.*

Olive-Backed Thrush.

Arrives early in May and remains a few days; after which, all pass North to breed. Returns about the first of September, when it is common. Departs for the South about the first of October.

5. TURDUS (HYLOCICHLA) SWAINSONI,

*var.*, ALICÆ, (*Baird.*) *Coues.*

Alice's Thrush.

Rather more common than the preceding, arriving and departing about the same time.

6. TURDUS (HYLOCICHLA) FUSCESCENS, *Steph.*

Wilson's Thrush, or Veery.

Common, arrives early in May, and remains throughout the Summer. Leaves for the South about the first of September. Breeds.

7. MIMUS (GALEOSCOPTES) CAROLINENSIS. (*Linn.*) *Gray.*

The Cat-Bird.

Arrives early in May, abundant. Breeds. Departs about the first of October.

8. HARPORHYNCHUS RUFUS, (*Linn.*) *Cab.*

Brown Thrasher.

An irregular Summer resident.

9. SIALIA SIALIS, (*Linn.*) *Hald.*

Eastern Blue-Bird.

Arrives the first week in March. Abundant. Breeds. Departs about the middle of November.

10. REGULUS CALENDULA, (*Linn.*) *Licht.*

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet.

Arrives early in April. Common. Passes North to breed, and returns early in October, tarrying with us a week or two.

11. REGULUS SATRAPA, *Licht.*

Golden-Crested Kinglet.

One of our most abundant migrants. Arrives about the middle of April, and departs by the first of November. Occasionally winters. Seen during the Winter of 1877-78.

12. POLIOPTILA CÆRULEA, (*Linn.*) *Scl.*

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher.

Rare. One taken near Penn Yan, N. Y. No date given. *Gilbert.*



13. PARUS ATRICAPILLUS, *Linn.***Black-Capped Chickadee.**

Resident and abundant. Breeds.

14. SITTA CAROLINESIS, *Gm.***White-Bellied Nuthatch.**

Also resident and abundant. Breeds.

15. SITTA CANADENSIS, *Linn.***Red-Bellied Nuthatch.**

A common and regular migrant. Arrives about April 1st, and departs in October. A single individual seen in Auburn, N. Y., as late as the third week in December, 1878.

16. CERTHIA FAMILIARIS, *Linn.***Brown Creeper.**

Resident. Abundant during the Spring and Autumn.

17. TROGLODYTES DOMESTICUS, (*Bartr.*) *Coues.***House Wren.**

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives early in May, and departs in October.

## 18. ANORTHURA TROGLODYTES,

*var.*, HYEMALIS, (*Vieill.*) *Coues.*

**Winter Wren.**

Abundant during the migrations. Arrives about the first of April, and leaves the last of October. According to F. H. King, of Ithaca, N. Y., it breeds. See *Bulletin of the Nuttall Ornithological Club*, Vol. III. No. 4., p. 195.

19. TELMATODYTES PALUSTRIS, (*Bartr.*) *Cab.***Long-Billed Marsh Wren.**

A Summer resident. Abundant and breeds. Arrives early in April. Departs the first week in November.

20. CISTOTHORUS STELLARIS, (*Licht.*) *Cab.***Short-Billed Marsh Wren.**

A Summer resident. Breeds. Less common than the preceding.

21. EREMOPHILA ALPESTRIS, (*Linn.*) *Boie.***Shore Lark.**

Resident. Most common in the Spring and Fall, when they are at times abundant.

22. ANTHUS LUDOVICIANUS, (*Gm.*) *Licht.***Titlark.**

A common migrant. Seen May 14, 1878. Departs the last of October. (Observed in the breeding season, May 18th, *Gilbert.*)

23. MNIOTILTA VARIA, (*Linn.*) *Vieill.***Black-and-White Creeper.**

Not common. A regular migrant. Arrives the last of April or first of May, and departs in September.

24. PARULA AMERICANA, (*Linn.*) *Bonap.***Blue Yellow-Backed Warbler.**

A common species remaining during Summer. Arrives about the middle of May; departs the latter part of September.

25. HELMITHERUS VERMIVORUS, (*Gm.*) *Bonap.***Worm-Eating Warbler.**

Not rare. Occurs regularly.—*Gilbert.*

26. HELMINTHOPHAGA PINUS, (*Linn.*) *Baird.***Blue-Winged Yellow Warbler.**

One specimen taken by Mr. Gilbert, near Penn Yan, N. Y., (no date given,) and now in his collection.

27. HELMINTHOPHAGA CHRYSOPTERA, (*Linn.*) *Baird.*

## Blue Golden-Winged Warbler.

Two individuals taken by Mr. Gilbert near Penn Yan, N. Y.  
One in May 1872. No further record.

28. HELMINTHOPHAGA RUFICAPILLA, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

## Nashville Warbler.

Occurs regularly during the migrations, in small numbers.  
Arrives early in May.

29. HELMINTHOPHAGA PEREGRINA, (*Wils.*) *Cab.*

## Tennessee Warbler.

A regular migrant in small numbers. Taken Sept. 18, 1878.

30. DENDRÆCA ÆSTIVA, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

## Summer Warbler.

An abundant Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the last  
of April or first of May, and departs the last of September.

31. DENDRÆCA VIRENS, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

## Black-Throated Green Warbler.

A very common migrant. Arrives about the last of April or  
first of May. Departs the last of September.

32. DENDRÆCA CÆRULESCENS, (*Linn.*) *Baird.*

## Black-Throated Blue Warbler.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. Arrives the second  
week in May. Departs in October.

33. DENDRÆCA CÆRULEA, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

## Cærulean Warbler.

Not an uncommon Summer resident. Observed rarely pre-  
vious to 1876. Arrives about the second week in May. Taken  
by Mr. E. R. Richardson, Jr., of Auburn, N. Y., May 8th, 1878.  
Departs in September.

34. DENDRÆCA CORONATA, (*Linn.*) *Gray.***Yellow-Rumped Warbler.**

Very abundant. Arrives about the 25th of April. Departs the latter part of October.

35. DENDRÆCA BLACKBURNIÆ, (*Gm.*) *Baird.***Blackburnian Warbler.**

Common. Arrives the first week in May and departs the last of September.

36. DENDRÆCA STRIATA, (*Forst.*) *Baird.***Black-Poll Warbler.**

Common. Arrives the third week in May, and leaves the last of September.

37. DENDRÆCA CASTANEA, (*Wils.*) *Baird.***Bay-Breasted Warbler.**

Not an uncommon Spring and Autumn migrant. Arrives the second or third week in May, and leaves the last of September.

38. DENDRÆCA PENNSYLVANICA, (*Linn.*) *Baird.***Chestnut-Sided Warbler**

Not an uncommon Summer resident. Arrives the second week in May and departs in September.

39. DENDRÆCA MACULOSA, (*Gm.*) *Baird.***Black-and-Yellow Warbler.**

Arrives the third week in May. A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

40. DENDRÆCA TIGRINA, (*Gm.*) *Baird.***Cape May Warbler.**

Not uncommon during the migrations.—*Gilbert.*

41. DENDRÆCA PALMARUM, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

**Yellow Red-Poll Warbler.**

Not a common Spring and Autumn migrant. Taken April 20th, 1878.

42. DENDRÆCA PINUS, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

**Pine-Creeping Warbler.**

Common during the migrations.

43. SIURUS AUROCAPILLUS, (*Linn.*) *Sw.*

**Golden-Crowned Accentor.**

A common Summer resident from the second week in May, to the middle of September. Breeds.

44. SIURUS NÆVIUS, (*Bedd.*) *Coues.*

**Water Thrush; Aquatic Accentor.**

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. A few found during the breeding season. Arrives the first of May, and departs the last of September.

45. OPORORNIS AGILIS, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

**Connecticut Warbler.**

Very rare. Male taken Sept. 7th; Female taken Sept. 17th, 1878. Both specimens adult birds.

46. GEOTHLYPIS TRICHAS, (*Linn.*) *Cab.*

**Maryland Yellow-Throat.**

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives about the middle of May, and departs the latter part of September.

47. GEOTHLYPIS PHILADELPHIA, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

**Mourning Warbler.**

A somewhat rare Summer resident. Breeds. Female observed feeding young, and young birds of the species noted, June 18, 1878. Arrives the second week in May and departs in September.

48. *ICTERIA VIRENS*, (*Linn*) *Baird*.

## Yellow-Breasted Chat.

A very rare Summer visitor. One taken in the Spring of 1874, and now in the collection of Mr. Gilbert.

49. *MYIODIOCTES MITRATUS*, (*Gm.*) *Aud.*

## Hooded Flycatching Warbler.

Common in dense forests with a heavy undergrowth. Sixty-six specimens of this species taken during the months of July, August, and September 1878. Nest found July 25, 1878, containing three young and one egg. Northern Cayuga and North Eastern Wayne Counties, N. Y.

50. *MYIODIOCTES PUSILLUS*, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Green Black-Capped Flycatching Warbler.

A regular Spring and Autumn migrant. Taken May 17th, 1878, and Sept, 17th, 1878. Not uncommon.

51. *MYIODIOCTES CANADENSIS*, (*Linn.*) *Aud.*

## Canadian Flycatching Warbler.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. Arrives the second week in May, and departs the latter part of September.

52. *SETOPHAGA RUTICILLA*, (*Linn.*) *Sw.*

## Redstart.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the first week in May, and leaves in September.

53. *PYRANGA RUBRA*, (*Linn.*) *Vieill.*

## Scarlet Tanager.

A common Summer resident, arriving the second week in May, and departing in September. Breeds.

54. *HIRUNDO HORREORUM*, *Barton*.

## Barn Swallow.

An abundant Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives about the middle of April, and departs in September.

55. *TACHYCINETA BICOLOR*, (*Vieill.*) *Coues*.

## White-Bellied Swallow.

An abundant Summer resident; breeds. Arrives about the middle of April, and departs in September.

56. *PETROCHELIDON LUNIFRONS*, (*Say.*) *Cab.*

## Cliff Swallow; Eave Swallow.

Abundant; coming with the Barn Swallow and departing the last of August, or early in September.

57. *COTYLE RIPARIA*, (*Linn.*) *Boie*.

## Bank Swallow.

Abundant from the first week in May, to the second week in September.

58. *STELGIDOPTERYX SERRIPENNIS*, (*Aud.*) *Baird*.

## Rough-Winged Swallow.

One specimen taken May 19th, 1876. Omitted from original list.

59. *PROGNE SUBIS*, (*Linn.*) *Baird*.

## Purple Martin.

A common Summer resident; breeds. Arrives the last week in April and departs the last of August.

60. *AMPELIS CEDRORUM*, (*Vieill.*) *Gray*.

## Cedar Bird.

Resident. More or less common in Winter. Breeds in July or August.

61. VIREO OLIVACEUS, (*Linn.*) *Vieill.*

## Red-Eyed Vireo.

A very common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the second week in May.

62. VIREO PHILADELPHICUS, *Cassin.*

## Brotherly-love Vireo.

Found regularly in the Spring migrations.

63. VIREO GILVUS, (*Vieill.*) *Bonap.*

## Warbling Vireo.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the second week in May.

64. VIREO FLAVIFRONS, *Vieill.*

## Yellow-throated Vireo.

Another common Summer resident. Arrives with the Red-eyed Vireo. Breeds.

65. VIREO SOLITARIUS. (*Wils.*) *Vieill.*

## Blue-headed Vireo.

Not uncommon during the migrations, passing quickly through the last week in April.

66. VIREO NOVEBORACENSIS, (*Gm.*) *Bonap.*

## White-eyed Vireo.

Two specimens captured by Mr. Gilbert near Penn Yan, N. Y. (No dates.) Not common.

67. LANIUS BOREALIS, *Vieill.*

## Great Northern Shrike; Butcher Bird.

A regular Winter visitor. Arrives in November from the North. Not seen after the middle of March.



68. *LANIUS LUDOVICIANUS EXCUBITOROIDES*, (*Sav.*) *Coues.*

Common American Shrike.

A not uncommon Summer resident; breeds. Arrives the last week in March or the first of April, and leaves in October.

69. *PINICOLA ENUCLEATOR*, (*Linn.*) *Vieill.*

Pine Grosbeak.

An irregular Winter visitor.

70. *CARPODACUS PURPUREUS*, (*Gm.*) *Gray.*

Purple Finch.

An abundant Summer resident. Arrives in March.—March 9, 1878. Common the second week in April. Breeds. Departs in October.

71. *LOXIA LEUCOPTERA*, *Wils.*

White-winged Crossbill.

An irregular Winter visitor. Twenty-one specimens taken in Auburn, N. Y., previous to December 24th, 1878.

72. *LOXIA CURVIROSTRA*,*var.*, *AMERICANA*, (*Wils.*) *Coues.*

Red Crossbill.

Like the preceding species, an irregular Winter visitant; has been taken as late as April. Observed in numbers on the Owasco Street Road near Auburn, N. Y., in May. (Year indefinite.)

73. *REGIOTHUS LINARIA*, (*Linn.*) *Cab.*

Red-poll Linnet; Lesser Red-poll.

An irregular Winter visitor. Common during the Fall of '78, and Winters of '78-'79.

74. CHRYSOMITRIS PINUS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

Pine Linnet.

Also an irregular Winter visitant; has been taken in the early part of May.

75. CHRYSOMITRIS TRISTRIS, (*Linn.*) *Bonap.*

Yellow-Bird; American Gold-finch.

Abundant and resident. Breeds in July; less common in Winter. A perfect albino of this species is in the collection of Mr. Gilbert, taken by him at Penn Yan, N. Y.

76. PLECTROPHANES NIVALIS, (*Linn.*) *Meyer.*

Snow Flake; Snow Bunting.

A regular Winter visitor; common from November to March. Taken during the Fall of 1878 as early as October 20th.

77. PLECTROPHANES LAPPONICUS, (*Linn.*) *Selby.*

Lapland Longspur.

Taken in the Winter of 1876, by Mr. Fred Allen, (one specimen.) An uncommon visitor. Several specimens taken in Penn Yan, N. Y.—*Gilbert.*

78. PASSERCULUS SAVANNA, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

Savannah Sparrow.

A Summer resident. Common. Breeds. Arrives in April and departs in October.

79. POOECETES GRAMINEUS, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

Bay-Winged Bunting; Grass Finch.

An abundant Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the first week in April and departs the last of October.

80. COTURNICULUS PASSERINUS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Yellow-Winged Sparrow.

Two specimens taken by Mr. Gilbert and now in his collection. (No data.) Not common.

81. MELOSPIZA PALUSTRIS, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

## Swamp Sparrow.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives in April and departs the last of October.

82. MELOSPIZA MELODA, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

## Song Sparrow.

An abundant Summer resident. Breeds. Has been noted as early as March 1st, 1878. Departs in November. A perfect albino of this bird taken at Penn Yan, N. Y., by Mr. Gilbert, and now in his collection.

83. JUNCO HYEMALIS, (*Linn.*) *Scl.*

## Black Snow-bird.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. Occasionally observed in Winter. Taken December 28th, 1878.

84. SPIZELLA MONTICOLA, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

## Tree Sparrow.

A common Winter resident. Arrives the latter part of October and departs the last of April.

85. SPIZELLA SOCIALIS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Chipping Sparrow.

A common Summer resident. Arrives the middle of April and breeds in all the gardens. Departs early in October.

86. SPIZELLA PUSILLA, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Field Sparrow.

A common Summer resident ; breeds. Arrives in April. April 4th, '78. Departs the latter part of October.

87. ZONOTRICHIA ALBICOLLIS, (*Gm.*) *Bonap.*

## White-throated Sparrow.

An abundant Spring and Autumn migrant. Arrives the middle of April, and departs the latter part of October.

88. ZONOTRICHIA LEUCOPHRYS, (*Forst.*) *Sw.*

## White-crowned Sparrow.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. Arrives the last of April or first of May, and leaves in advance of the preceding.

89. PASSER DOMESTICUS, *Linn.*

## English Sparrow.

Resident and abundant. Found feeding on the cabbage worm, *PIERIS RAPÆ*, during the Summer of 1878.

90. PASSERELLA ILIACA, (*Merrem.*) *Sw.*

## Fox-colored Sparrow.

Common during the migrations. Arrives early in April. Captured March 9th, 1878.

91. GONIAPHEA LUDOVICIANA, (*Linn.*) *Bowdich.*

## Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Not an uncommon Summer resident. Arrives about the middle of May, and departs the latter part of September.

92. CYANOSPIZA CYANEA, (*Linn.*) *Baird.*

## Indigo Bird.

A common Summer resident after May 1st. Breeds. Departs the last of September.

93. PIPILO ERYTHROPHthalmus, (*Linn.*) Vieill.

Chewink; Towhee Bunting.

Not an uncommon Summer resident.

94. DOLICHONYX ORYZIVORUS, (*Linn.*) Sw.

Bob-o-link; Rice Bird.

A common Summer resident; breeding. Arrives in May.—  
May 5th, 1876. Leaves in August.

95. MOLOTHRUS PECORIS, (*Gm.*) Sw.

Cowbird.

An abundant Summer resident; occasionally winters. Observed Feb. 8th, 1876, when six were seen, and December 2d, 1877, when four individuals were noted in company with a flock of English Sparrows, *PASSER DOMESTICUS*, in the outskirts of the city of Auburn, N. Y.

96. AGELÆUS PHENICEUS, (*Linn.*) Vieill.

Red-winged Blackbird.

An abundant Summer resident; breeds. Arrives the middle of March, and departs in November.

97. STURNELLA MAGNA, (*Linn.*) Sw.

Meadow Lark.

Another breeding and abundant Summer resident. Occasionally winters.

98. ICTERUS SPURIUS, (*Linn.*) Bonap.

Orchard Oriole.

Observed in August, 1875, near Port Byron, N. Y. Not a rare Summer resident.

99. ICTERUS BALTIMORE, (*Linn.*) Dandin.

Baltimore Oriole.

A common Summer resident; breeds. Arrives early in May—May 3d, 4th, 1878—and departs in September.

100. *SCOLECOPHAGUS FERRUGINEUS*, (*Gm.*) *Sw.*

## Rusty Grackle.

A common migrant. Arrives in April and departs in October.

101. *QUISCALUS PURPUREUS*, (*Bartr.*) *Licht.*

## Crow Blackbird.

A common Summer resident and breeds. Occasionally found in winter. Three seen Feb. 22, 1877, and two Dec. 26th, 1878.

102. *CORVUS CORAX*, (*Linn.*)

## Raven.

A complete skeleton of this species was taken by Mr. Wright and his brother Charles F. Wright, at Wolcott, Wayne Co., N. Y., in the month of July 1875. The bones were carefully collected and taken to Auburn, N. Y., where they were identified by Mr. Fowler. This specimen had evidently met death from a shot of apparently No. 4 size, as evidenced by a hole through the skull.

103. *CORVUS FRUGIVORUS*, *Bartr.*

## Common Crow.

A common resident. Breeds.

104. *CYANURUS CRISTATUS*, (*Linn.*) *Sw.*

## Blue Jay.

An uncommon resident. Breeds. Common in the Fall of 1878.

105. *TYRANNUS CAROLINENSIS*, (*Linn.*) *Baird.*

## King Bird.

A common Summer resident, breeding. Arrives in May—May 5th, '76, and May 14th, 1878. Departs the latter part of September.

106. MYIARCHUS CRINITUS, (*Linn.*) *Cab.*

## Great Crested Flycatcher.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives early in May.—May 6th, 1876, April 27th, 1878.—Leaves in September.

107. SAYORNIS FUSCUS, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

## Phoebe Bird.

Also a common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the latter part of March.—March 30th, 1878.—Departs early in October.

108. CONTOPUS BOREALIS, (*Sw.*) *Baird.*

## Olive-sided Flycatcher.

Very rare; but one known to have been taken in this locality.—Penn Yan, N. Y.—Now preserved in the collection of Mr. Gilbert.

109. CONTOPUS VIRENS, (*Linn.*) *Cab.*

## Wood Pewee.

Common in Summer, after the second week in May.

110. EMPIDONAX ACADICUS, (*Gm.*) *Baird.*

## Acadian Flycatcher.

A single male specimen taken near Auburn, N. Y., May 23d, 1876. Omitted from original list. Female taken at Fair Haven, Cayuga Co., N. Y., July 18th, 1878. Breeds. Young taken early in August 1878.

111. EMPIDONAX TRAILLI, (*Aud.*) *Baird.*

## Traill's Flycatcher.

One specimen taken by Mr. E. R. Richardson, Jr., near Auburn, N. Y., May 28th, 1878. Not uncommon.

112. EMPIDONAX MINIMUS, *Baird.*

## Least Flycatcher.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the latter part of April, or 1st of May. Leaves the latter part of Sept'r.

113. ANTROSTOMUS VOCIFERUS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Whip-poor-Will.

A rare Summer resident.

114. CHORDEILES VIRGINIANUS, (*Brisson.*) *Bonap.*

## Night Hawk.

A common Summer resident. Breeds.

115. CHÆTURA PELAGICA, (*Linn.*) *Baird.*

## Chimney Swift; Chimney Swallow.

An abundant Summer resident. Arrives the latter part of April.—April 21st, 1876, April 20th, 1878.—Departs about the middle of October.—October 14th, 1876.

116. TROCHILUS COLUBRIS, *Linn.*

## Ruby-Throated Humming Bird.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives the first week in May and departs in September.

117. CERYLE ALCYON, (*Linn.*) *Boie.*

## Belted Kingfisher.

Not an uncommon Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives early in April.—April 13, 1876, April 6, 1878.—Departs in Nov.

118. COCCYGUS ERYTHROPHthalmus, (*Wils.*) *Baird.*

## Black-Billed Cuckoo.

Not uncommon from the first of May,—(May 7th, '78,)—to the last of September. Breeds.



## 119. COCCYGUS AMERICANUS, (Linn.) Bonap.

## Yellow-Billed Cuckoo.

Not quite as frequent as the preceding, arriving and leaving about the same time. Breeds.

## 120. PICUS VILLOSUS, Linn.

## Hairy Woodpecker; Sap-sucker.

A common resident. Breeds. Several mounts of this bird of the albinistic form are in the collections of Messrs. Gilbert and Flahive of Penn Yan, N. Y., all secured at or near that place. A striking uniformity in the coloration and markings of the plumage of these specimens, renders this freak more than ordinarily remarkable.

## 121. PICUS PUBESCENS, Linn.

## Downy Woodpecker.

A common resident. Most abundant in Spring. Breeds.

## 122. SPHYRAPICUS VARIUS, Linn. Baird.

## Yellow-Bellied Woodpecker.

Common in the Spring and Autumn migrations. Arrives the first week in April.—April 9th, 10th, 1876.—Departs in October. Seen July 1875, and June 1878.

## 123. CENTURUS CAROLINUS, Linn. Bonap.

## Red-Bellied Woodpecker.

Not an uncommon resident.

## 124. MELANERPES ERYTHROCEPHALUS, (Linn.) Sw.

## Red-Headed Woodpecker.

Resident and breeds. Occasionally seen in Winter, although abundant in Summer.

125. COLAPTES AURATUS, (*Linn.*) *Sw.*

Golden-Winged Woodpecker; High-holder.

Abundant in Summer. Occasionally winters.—Jan. 1st, '79.  
Breeds. Arrives the second week in April,—April 12th, 1876,  
April 6th, 1878. Departs the last of October.

126. STRIX FLAMMEA, *var.*, AMERICANA, (*Aud.*) *Coues.*

American Barn Owl.

Very rare. One taken by Mr. Gilbert near Penn Yan, N. Y.  
(No data.)

127. BUBO VIRGINIANUS, (*Gm.*) *Bonap.*

Great Horned Owl.

A common resident. Breeds.

128. SCOPS ASIO, (*Linn.*) *Bonap.*

Screech Owl.

A common resident like the preceding. Breeds.

## 129. OTUS VULGARIS,

*var.* WILSONIANUS, (*Less.*) *Allen.*

Long-eared Owl.

Not an uncommon resident.

130. BRACHYOTUS PALUSTRIS, *Auct.*

Short-eared Owl.

An uncommon resident.—Aug. 11th, 1878, C. Fred Wright.  
December, 1877, Mr. G. Wilson.

131. SYRNIUM NEBULOSUM, (*Forst.*) *Gray.*

Barred Owl.

A common resident. Breeds. Young of the year taken  
Aug., 5th, 1878.

132. NYCTEA NIVEA, (*Daud.*) *Gray.*

## Snowy Owl.

An irregular Winter visitor. Very common during the winter of 1876-7.

133. NYCTALE ACADICA, (*Gm.*) *Bonap.*

## Acadian Owl.

Rare. Adult male taken July 18th, 1878. Two specimens received, taken in Cayuga County, April 14th, 1877, and November, 1878.

## 134. CIRCUS CYANEUS,

*var.* HUDSONIUS, (*Linn.*) *Coues.*

## Marsh Hawk.

A common Summer resident. Breeds.

135. ACCIPITER FUSCUS, (*Gm.*) *Bonap.*

## Sharp-shinned Hawk.

Not an uncommon resident.

136. ACCIPITER COOPERI, *Bonap.*

## Cooper's Hawk.

A common Summer resident. Nests early in May. A few remain all Winter.

137. ASTUR ATRICAPILLUS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Goshawk.

An uncommon Winter visitor. Mr. Gilbert has taken several specimens of this bird at Penn Yan, N. Y.

138. FALCO COMMUNIS, *Variorum.*

## Peregrine Falcon; Duck Hawk.

One specimen taken on Seneca Lake in the Winter of 1878, by Mr. H. F. Pratt of Penn Yan, N. Y.

139. FALCO COLUMBARIUS, (*Linn.*)

## Pigeon Hawk.

Not of uncommon occurrence. Taken Aug. 31st, 1878.

140. FALCO SPARVERIUS, *Linn.*

## Sparrow Hawk.

Common in Summer; rarely winters. Breeds. Seen, March 9th, 1878.

141. BUTEO AQUILINUS, (*Barton.*) *Coes.*

## Red-tailed Buzzard; Hen Hawk.

A common resident. Breeds.—Sept. 16th, 1876; a flock of twenty-three, apparently of this species, seen winging to the south-west, over Owasco Lake.

142. BUTEO LINEATUS, (*Gm.*) *Fard.*

## Red-shouldered Buzzard.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Occurs rarely in Winter.

143. BUTEO PENNSYLVANICUS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

## Broad-winged Buzzard.

A rare Summer resident. Taken, May 11th, 1878. Also taken by Mr. George B. Wright, Sept. 17th, 1878. Breeds. Eggs found April 25th, 1878.

## 144. ARCHIBUTEO LAGOPUS,

*var.*, SANCTI JOHANNIS, (*Gm.*) *Ridg.*

## Rough-Legged Buzzard.

Rare. One taken Nov. 8, 1876. A fine black adult taken at Penn Yan, N. Y., by Mr. Flahive, and in his collection.

145. PANDION HALIAETUS, (*Linn.*) *Savig.*

## Fish Hawk.

Occurs regularly in Summer. Breeds. Young bird captured in June, 1872.

146. HALIAETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS, (*Linn.*) *Savig.*

## Bald Eagle.

Occurs throughout the year. Breeds regularly in the northern part of Cayuga Co., N. Y. Formerly bred at Brinckerhoff's Point, Owasco Lake, N. Y.

147. ECTOPISTES MACRURUS, (*Linn.*) *Coues.*

## Wild Pigeon.

Common during the migrations, in numbers. Arrives in March,—March 11th, 1876.—Breeds.

148. ZENÆDURA CAROLINENSIS, (*Linn.*) *Bonap.*

## Carolina Dove; Turtle Dove.

Not an uncommon Summer resident; breeds. Arrives in April. Seen as early as March 18th, 1878.

149. BONASA UMBELLUS, (*Linn.*) *Steph.*Ruffed Grouse. (Partridge. *Local.*)

A common resident. Breeds.

150. ORTYX VIRGINIANA, (*Linn.*) *Bonap.*Virginia Partridge; (Quail. *Local.*)

Resident throughout the year. Common in Seneca and Wayne Counties, but less so in Cayuga and Onondaga Counties. Breeds.

151. SQUATAROLA HELVETICA, (*Linn.*) *Cuv.*

## Black-bellied Plover.

A rare Spring and Autumn migrant.

152. CHARADRIUS FULVUS,  
var., VIRGINICUS, (*Borck.*) *Coues.*

American Golden Plover.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

153. ÆGIALITIS VOCIFERA, (*Linn.*) *Cass.*

Kildeer Plover.

A common Summer resident; breeds. Arrives about the first of April,—March 16th, 1878.—Departs the last of October.

154. ÆGIALITIS WILSONIA, (*Ord.*) *Cass.*

Wilson's Plover.

Rare. One taken in the Spring of 1868. *Gilbert.*

155. ÆGIALITIS SEMIPALMATA, (*Bonap.*) *Cab.*

Semipalmated Plover.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

156. ÆGIALITIS MELODA, (*Ord.*) *Cab.*

Piping Plover.

Rare. A bag of five taken by Mr. Fred Wyer of Auburn, N. Y., on Owasco Lake, in the Autumn of 1876.

157. STREPSILAS INTERPRES, (*Linn.*) *Illiger.*

Turnstone.

A regular Spring and Autumn migrant, occurring in small numbers.

158. STEGANOPUS WILSONI, (*Sab.*) *Coues.*

Wilson's Phalarope.

One specimen secured by, and now in the collection of Mr. Gilbert, at Penn Yan, N. Y.

159. LOBIPES HYPERBOREUS, (*Linn.*) *Cuv.*

## Northern Phalarope.

Rare. One taken in May, 1874, at the foot of Crooked Lake, Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y.—*Gilbert*. Several specimens taken on Owasco Lake, N. Y., June, 1877, by Mr. Ed. Hicks of Auburn.

160. PHILOHELA MINOR, (*Gm.*) *Gray.*

## American Woodcock.

A common Summer resident. Breeds.

161. GALLINAGO WILSONI, (*Temm.*) *Bonap.*

## Wilson's Snipe.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. Arrives in April and departs in November.

162. MACRORHAMPHUS GRISEUS, (*Gm.*) *Leach.*

## Red-breasted Snipe.

An adult male captured early in September, 1875. The only one recorded for this locality.

163. MICROPALMA HIMANTOPUS, (*Bonap.*) *Baird.*

## Stilt Sandpiper.

One taken in October 1875.—*Gilbert*.

164. EREUNETES PUSILLUS, (*Linn.*) *Cass.*

## Semipalmated Sandpiper.

A common migrant. Occurs regularly in the Spring and Fall.

165. TRINGA MINUTILLA, *Vieill.*

## Least Sandpiper.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

166. TRINGA MACULATA, *Vieill.*

Pectoral Sandpiper.

Not an uncommon Spring and Autumn migrant.

167. TRINGA MARITIMA, *Brünn.*

Purple Sandpiper.

One specimen taken on Seneca Lake, in the winter, (no data.)  
by Mr. Flahive of Penn Yan, N. Y., and now in his collection.

168. TRINGA ALPINA, (*Linn.*)*var.*, AMERICANA, *Cassin.*

Dunlin, or Ox Bird.

A regular, and not uncommon Spring and Autumn migrant.

169. TRINGA CANUTUS, *Linn.*

Red-breasted Sandpiper.

Rare. Two specimens taken October 15th, 1874.—*Gilbert.*  
One specimen also in Mr. Flahive's collection taken near Penn  
Yan, N. Y. (No data.)

170. CALIDRIS ARENARIA, (*Linn.*) *Illiger.*

Sanderling; Ruddy Plover.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

171. LIMOSA FEDOA, (*Linn.*) *Ord.*

Great Marbled Godwit.

A rare migrant. One taken by Mr. Fred A. Howlett of Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N. Y., the latter part of June 1876, now in his collection. The same gentleman saw another specimen at the same time but failed to secure it.

172. LIMOSA HÆMASTICA, (*Linn.*) *Coues.*

Hudsonian Godwit.

A rare Spring and Autumn migrant.



173. TOTANUS SEMIPALMATUS, *Gm.*

Semipalmated Tattler.

A regular migrant. Three secured in the Fall of 1876.

174. TOTANUS MELANOLEUCUS, *Gm.*

Greater Tell-tale.

Common in the Spring and Autumn migrations. Especially in August and September.

175. TOTANUS FLAVIPES, *Gm.*

Lesser Tell-tale.

An abundant migrant, associating in the Fall with the other Tell-tales.

176. TOTANUS SOLITARIUS, *Wils.*

Solitary Tattler.

Common during the migrations. Arrives early in May.—May 8th, 1878.

177. TRINGOIDES MACULARIUS, (*Linn.*) *Gray.*

Spotted Sandpiper; Tip-up.

A common Summer resident; breeds. Arrives early in May.—May 5th, 1876.

178. ACTITURUS BARTRAMIUS, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

Upland Plover.

Not an uncommon Summer resident.

179. NUMENIUS LONGIROSTRIS, *Wils.*

Long-billed Curlew.

A regular, but somewhat rare migrant.

180. NUMENIUS HUDSONICUS, *Lath.***Hudsonian Curlew.**

Occurs irregularly during the migrations. One specimen preserved in the collection of "*The Phœnix Sportsman's Club*" at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

181. ARDEA HERODIAS, *Linn.***Great Blue Heron.**

Common in Summer; breeds. Arrives in the early part of April.—April 8th, 1876.

182. HERODIAS EGRETTE, (*Gm.*) *Gray.***Great White Egret.**

Accidental. One taken in this locality (Penn Yan) in the Spring.—*Gilbert*. Date not recorded.

183. BUTORIDES VIRESCENS, (*Linn.*) *Cab.***Green Heron.**

A common Summer resident; breeds. Seen early in May. Departs the last of September.

184. NYCTIARDEA GRISEA, (*Linn.*) *Steph.*

*var.*, NÆVIA, (*Bodd.*) *Allen.*

**Night Heron.**

One taken on Seneca River, and now in the possession of the Sportsman's Club at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

185. BOTHAURUS MINOR, *Gm.***American Bittern; Indian Hen**

Common in Summer. Breeds.

186. ARDETTA EXILIS, (*Gm.*) *Gray.*

## Least Bittern.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. A set of five eggs taken, June 16th, 1876.

187. RALLUS VIRGINIANUS, *Linn.*

## Virginia Rail.

Also a common Summer resident; breeds. Arrives in April. April 23d, 1878.

188. PORZANA CAROLINA, (*Linn.*) *Vieill.*

## Carolina Rail.

Like the preceding, a common Summer resident. Breeds.

189. PORZANA NOVEBORACENSIS, (*Gm.*) *Cass.*

## Yellow Rail.

Very rare. One taken September, 20th, 1872.—*Gilbert.*

190. PORZANA JAMAICENSIS, (*Gm.*) *Cass.*

## Black Rail.

Rare. Two instances recorded of its capture in this locality.—Penn Yan, N. Y.—One in 1870, and one on the marsh between Havana and Watkins in 1872. Both taken in the Spring.—*Gilbert.*

191. GALLINULA GALEATA, (*Lich.*) *Bonap.*

## Florida Gallinule.

A common Summer resident. Breeds. Arrives in May, and departs in September.

## 192. FULICA AMERICANA, Gm.

## American Coot.

Common the latter part of October on Cayuga Lake, N. Y.  
A few remain all Summer and breed.

## 193. CYGNUS BUCCINATOR, Rich.

## Trumpeter Swan.

Accidental, or very rare. A specimen taken on Cayuga Lake,  
N. Y., and now in the rooms of the "*Phoenix Sportsman's Club*"  
of Seneca Falls, N. Y.

## 194. BRANTA BERNICLA, Linn.

## Brant Goose.

One shot on Cayuga Lake, N. Y., near the railroad bridge by  
Mr. Charley Traverse. The same was identified by Mr. Greene  
Smith.—Horace Silsby, in *Auburn Daily Bulletin* of December,  
1877. An adult male received from Cayuga Lake, November  
26th, 1878, which was also shot near the railroad bridge by Mr.  
David Copeman.

## 195. BRANTA CANADENSIS, Linn.

## Canada Goose; Wild Goose.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

## 196. ANAS BOSCHAS, Linn.

## Mallard.

Not uncommon; as a Spring and Autumn migrant.

## 197. ANAS OBSCURA, Gm.

## Black Duck.

Arrives in March. Departs in November. A few remain all  
Winter. Breeds.

198. DAFILA ACUTA, (*Linn.*) *Jenyns.*

Pin-tail Duck.

Found in the Spring and Fall migrations.

199. CHAULELASMUS STREPERUS, (*Linn.*) *Gray.*

Gray Duck; Gadwall.

A Spring and Autumn migrant.

200. MARECA AMERICANA, (*Gm.*) *Steph.*

American Widgeon; Bald Pate.

Not uncommon during the migrations.

201. QUERQUEDULA CAROLINENSIS, (*Gm.*)

Green-winged Teal.

Common in the Spring and Autumn.

202. QUERQUEDULA DISCORS, (*Linn.*) *Steph.*

Blue-winged Teal.

An abundant migrant in Spring and Fall. A few remain to breed.

203. SPATULA CLYPEATA, (*Linn.*) *Boie.*

Shoveller.

Occurs regularly as a migrant in small numbers.

204. AIX SPONSA, (*Linn.*) *Boie.*

Summer Duck; Wood Duck.

A common Summer resident; breeds. Arrives in April and departs in October.

205. FULIGULA MARILA, (*Linn.*) *Steph.*"Lake Blue-bill." (*Local.*)

Greater Scaup Duck.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant.

206. FULIGULA AFFINIS, *Eyton.*"Marsh Blue-bill." (*Local.*)

Lesser Scaup Duck.

Like the preceding, common during the migrations.

207. FULIGULA COLLARIS, (*Donovan.*) *Bonap.*

Ring-necked Duck.

An uncommon migrant.

## 208. FULIGULA FERINA,

*var.*, AMERICANA, (*Eyton.*) *Coues.*

Red-head Duck.

Not uncommon as a Spring and Autumn migrant.

209. FULIGULA VALLISNERIA, (*Wils.*) *Steph.*

Canvas-back Duck.

Like the preceding, not uncommon during migrations.

210. BUCEPHALA CLANGULA, (*Linn.*) *Gray.*"Whistle-wing." (*Local.*)

Golden-eyed Duck.

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. Also common in Winter.

211. BUCEPHALA ALBEOLA, (*Linn.*) *Baird.*"Butter-ball." (*Local.*)

Buffle-headed Duck.

Like the former ; a few found in Winter.

212. HARELDA GLACIALIS, (*Linn.*) *Leach.*

Old-Wife; Long-tailed Duck.

Not uncommon in the migrations.

213. SOMATERIA MOLISSIMA, (*Linn.*) *Leach.*

Eider Duck.

Accidental. One captured at Branchport, seven miles from Penn Yan, N. Y., by Mr. S. N. Macomb, in February 1873.—*Gilbert.*

214. SOMATERIA SPECTABILIS, (*Linn.*) *Leach.*

King Eider.

A specimen captured on Onondaga Lake, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Jan. 20th, 1877, by Mr. Fred. A. Howlett of Syracuse, N. Y.

215. CEDEMIA AMERICANA, *Sw.*

American Black Scoter.

A rare migrant. Several specimens in the collections of Messrs. Gilbert and Flahive of Penn Yan, N. Y., taken on Seneca Lake. No data.

216. CEDEMIA PERSPICILLATA, (*Linn.*) *Fleming.*

Surf Duck.

Not uncommon in the Autumn. Young birds drop into the lakes on the Fall migrations south, but do not tarry long.—*Gilbert.* An adult male sent to Mr. Wright the first week in November 1878, taken on Cayuga Lake.

217. ERISMATURA RUBIDA, (*Wils.*) *Bonap.*

Ruddy Duck.

Not uncommon during the Spring and Autumn migrations.

218. *MERGUS MERGANSER*, *Linn.*

Merganser; Goosander.

Common in Winter. Has been found breeding regularly at Blind Sodus Bay, Lake Ontario, Northern Cayuga and Wayne counties, N. Y.

219. *MERGUS SERRATOR*, *Linn.*

Red-breasted Merganser.

Common during the migrations. A few winter.

220. *MERGUS CUCULLATUS*, *Linn.*

Hooded Merganser.

Common during the migrations, and like the preceding, a few winter.

221. *GRACULUS CARBO*, (*Linn.*) *Gray.*

Common Cormorant; Shag.

A specimen of this bird was taken by Mr. Edward H. Mann of Syracuse, N. Y., on Oneida Lake, N. Y., at the so-called "Upper South Bay," November 15th, 1877. The mount is preserved in the rooms of the "*Onondaga Sportsman's Club*," Syracuse, N. Y.

222. *GRACULUS DILOPHIUS*, (*Sw.*) *Gray.*

Double-crested Cormorant.

One taken by Mr. John H. Mann of Syracuse, N. Y., at "Nine Mile Point," Onondaga Lake, Onondaga Co., N. Y., November 30th, 1865. Young of the species taken on Crooked Lake, near Penn Yan, N. Y., by John Carpenter. See Mr. Gilbert's note in "Forest and Stream," etc., vol. IX., p. 489.

223. *LARUS ARGENTATUS*, *Brünn.*

Herring Gull.

Common about the lakes in Spring.



224. LARUS DELAWARENSIS, *Ord.*

## Ring-billed Gull.

One specimen taken on Seneca Lake, N. Y., and now in Mr. Flahive's collection at Penn Yan, N. Y., a young bird.

225. LARUS TRIDACTYLUS, *Linn.*

## Kittiwake Gull.

One taken on Seneca Lake, N. Y., and in the collection of Mr. Gilbert, at Penn Yan, N. Y.

226. LARUS PHILADELPHIA, (*Ord.*) *Coues.*

## Bonaparte's Gull.

Not an uncommon Spring and Autumn migrant.

227. STERNA HIRUNDO, *Linn.*

## Common Tern.

Not rare. Has been taken on Seneca Lake at Dresden, N. Y., in June.—*Gilbert*. Has also been taken on Owasco Lake, N. Y.

228. STERNA DOUGALLI, *Mont.*

## Roseate Tern.

Rare. But one capture recorded for this locality, (Penn Yan, N. Y.)—*Gilbert*.

## 229. STERNA SUPERCILIARIS,

*var.*, ANTILLARUM, (*Less.*) *Coues.*

## Least Tern.

Occurs rarely in Spring. Two captured on Cayuga Lake, N. Y.

230. STERNA FULIGINOSA, *Gm.*

## Sooty Tern.

Observed on Owasco Lake, N. Y., and a specimen captured there Sept. 20th, 1876.

231. HYDROCHELIDON LARIFORMIS, (*Linn.*) *Coues.***Black Tern.**

But two specimens are recorded, both taken in the Spring. One on Seneca Lake, and one on Crooked Lake, N. Y.--*Gilbert*. Occurs on Owasco Lake, N. Y.

232. COLYMBUS TORQUATUS, *Brünn.***Loon; Great Northern Diver.**

Not an uncommon Spring and Autumn migrant.

233. COLYMBUS SEPTENTRIONALIS, *Linn.***Red-throated Diver.**

A not uncommon species. Has been taken on Owasco Lake, N. Y.

## 234. PODICEPS GRISEIGENA,

*var.*, HOLBOLLI, (*Reinh.*) *Coues.*

**Red-necked Grebe.**

Taken on Cayuga Lake, N. Y., March 4th, 1876.

235. PODICEPS CORNUTUS, (*Gm.*) *Lath.***Horned Grebe.**

Common in the migrations. Taken Oct. 30th, 1877, on Cayuga Lake, N. Y. One taken on the Outlet of Owasco Lake, N. Y., by Mr. Geo. Fanning of Auburn, N. Y., in the Fall of 1877.

236. PODILYMBUS PODICEPS, (*Linn.*) *Lawr.***Pied-billed Grebe; Dabchick.**

A common Spring and Autumn migrant. A few breed.

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